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Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).

**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
For FY 2006**

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$ 130)

**Complete if Known**

Application Number	09/964,069
Filing Date	September 25, 2001
First Named Inventor	Murotani, Akira
Examiner Name	Benjamin A. Ailes
Art Unit	2142
Attorney Docket No.	16869S-032010US

**METHOD OF PAYMENT** (check all that apply)

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**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

<u>Application Type</u>	<u>FILING FEES</u>		<u>SEARCH FEES</u>		<u>EXAMINATION FEES</u>		<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>
	<u>Small Entity</u>		<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small Entity

Fee (\$) Fee (\$)

50 25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

Total Claims

Extra Claims

Fee (\$)

Fee Paid (\$)

Multiple Dependent Claims

Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)

-20 or HP = \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

Indep. Claims

Extra Claims

Fee (\$)

Fee Paid (\$)

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-3 or HP = \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3

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<u>Total Sheets</u>	<u>Extra Sheets</u>	<u>Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
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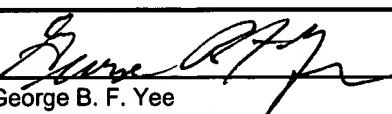
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**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Terminal Disclaimer 130

**SUBMITTED BY**

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**TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBVIATE A PROVISIONAL DOUBLE PATENTING  
REJECTION OVER A PENDING "REFERENCE" APPLICATION**

 Docket Number (Optional)  
 16869S-032010US

In re Application of: Akira Murotani, et al.

Application No.: 09/964,069

Filed: September 25, 2001

 For: STORAGE CONTROLLER AND COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR MANAGING INFORMATION RELATED TO  
 CONNECTION PORT

The owner\*, Hitachi, Ltd., of 100 percent interest in the instant application hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of any patent granted on pending reference Application Number 09/932,240, filed on August 17, 2001, as such term is defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 and 173, and as the term of any patent granted on said reference application may be shortened by any terminal disclaimer filed prior to the grant of any patent on pending reference application. The owner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and any patent granted on the reference application are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the instant application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

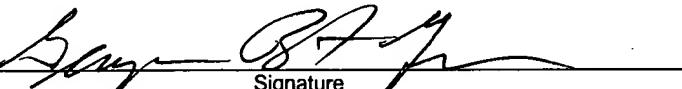
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